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SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm...I'm thinking this through, Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: And I apologize...we've talked about this briefly but...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, we did. And, yes, I think you're probably correct.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay. And so, you know, my concern and as I've shared with you, is I think probably 90 percent of the people who are going to use this are going to be people who are well-meaning, who are going to do it directly, who aren't going to lean on people unnecessarily to try and gain approval who aren't going to call up and say, you know, we might have a cure if you'll just say yes so we can access your records or your information to do this research, because I think that's misleading. What I would like to make sure is that there is that separation. The reason they're on a registry is because they want to be protected, their identity to be protected from anybody. And if I remember correctly, that's why LB 721 was brought.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Did you say one minute, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, I did.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. And that's my understanding of why this was brought to isolate individuals from being...having their information released without their permission and then also to correct that we're going to try and set up a process. And in this process what I want to say is is that we know for sure that if we're going to allow this individual who desires this information that there is going to be a protocol that they're going to have to follow by the letter of the law so that way we're not getting abuse or we're not getting situations where someone is going to be unfairly leaned on to give this information against their will or against their better judgment. But because someone told them there's a hope that this might